

FISCAL NOTE

SB 480 - HB 1323

March 10, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that a victim of statutory rape shall not in any way be considered criminally responsible for the crime and therefore such victim shall not be precluded from filing a claim or receiving an award under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less Than \$100,000/Criminal Injury Compensation Fund

Estimate assumes an increase in benefit payments from the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund. During the past fiscal year, 14 claims were specifically denied due to reason of contributory conduct by the victim, according to data provided by the State Treasurer.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Davenport".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director